

Remarks/Arguments

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent to Friessem et al, number 6,215,928 (Friessem). Applicants withdraw claim 28 from further consideration.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 29-36 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Friessem in view of Snavelly et al., US 4,173,778. Applicants withdraw claims 29-36 from further consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18-25 and 37-50 are allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that all of the claims 18-25 and 37-50 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to issue a timely Notice of Allowance. If for any reason, the Examiner believes any of the claims are not in condition for allowance, he is encouraged to phone the undersigned at (650) 325-4999 so that any remaining issues may be resolved.

The above changes are believed not to add new matter, as support is found in the specification.

Respectfully submitted,



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